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The Crucible

Deep Thoughts Response #1-10

Statement #1

Confessing to a crime you didn’t commit in order to avoid punishment is wise.

Confessing to a crime that was never committed in the first place is not a very smart decision, and it would be even worst in the Puritan setting that “The Crucible” takes place. What really matters is to stay true to ourselves but by confessing to something that was never done in the first place that person is betraying its identity. Confessing would be a temporary relief from the accusations, but when people actually know that the crime was committed then they only have more reasons to judge and to even punish, and that was what it was trying to be avoided by confessing.

We all should take responsibility for our actions even if the consequences are not good, we should face what we have brought upon ourselves. That being said by taken responsibility for something that was never done by us, we are only lying to everyone else and we are bringing more problems to face. It may seem like the easies road to take and the smartest since a very harsh punishment is being avoided, but maybe opting to take the hardest way out of the situations may be the best solutions to our problems.

In a Puritan community the accusations that could be made about a member needs prove in order to move forward with the assigned punishment. The person that is being punish should not confessed to the accusations of they were never committed in the first place, if you confessed chances are that the punishment is going to take place anyway. If the punishment was going to happen when you claimed to be innocent, why would it not happen after you have confessed to have committed the crime? Now they have a reason to actually enforce the punishment.

You should never take the blame for something you didn’t do. That would only benefit the person that committed that crime and at the end when you have been punished, that person would keep doing what its wrong and getting away with it and even more people would be accused for the same crime, which would bring more tragedy. If you are not the one to stop and actually stand for what you believe in and say that the accusations are false and that you are going to work hard to prove your innocence, then more people are going to think that it is fine to take someone else’s blame and to be punish for it. It is better to be punished for standing up for yourself and not confess then to be punished for something that you were never guilty of.

By doing so you will only make the ones punish you happier that they have got to ruined your identity in front of everyone and got you to denied what you stood for, and at the end all of that might have not being enough, the punishment might still take place, now you have nothing left not even your identity.

Statement #2

The difference between right and wrong is clear.

The difference between right and wrong could be very unclear. All human beings have different backgrounds and cultural identities and that is what helps shape their character and their expectations. What a person goes through in life also helps shape them or even change the way they uses to think before, along with their perspective in life and in the situations we are in.

Due to the constant growing that a human faces through its life it is very difficult to have a definite perspective when it comes to right or wrong. A person could mold its standard to fit the situation, what one though it was seen wrong, one day that person could think that it is right due to the situation and the people that are involved. The world is constantly evolving and it’s habitant along with it, the behavior of someone how lived thousands of years ago is not the same as the modern humans, the difference between what is wrong and what is right from the eyes of someone how lived a long time ago and today’s point of view are very different.

Not only does the perspectives of right and wrong changes in the same person over and over again and changes according to the time period, it also changes in general, each individual has a different understanding of what is wrong and right and it constantly changes. One thing could help humans to determine the difference between the two is emotions. Most of the time we are trying to make the right decision and it is clearer than the wrong one; it is easier to know what is right due to the joy that it brings and to the accomplishments that they lead us to. The wrong decision doesn’t feel as good and it could lead to horrible consequences

One of the reasons why it also is changes for everyone is the attachment that we have toward something or someone that may leads us to make the wrong decision in society’s eye but in that person is right or the knowledge of the mistake is there but that didn’t stop them from doing something wrong . When emotions get in the way, we as imperfect humans could be tempted to make the wrong decision. Rage and desperation could be two very dangerous emotions to act upon, they could lead to potential crimes that could hurt someone else or affect them either directly or indirectly. The knowledge and understanding of what is right and wrong is in all of us, it does changes when it comes to the characteristics and moral of each one of us, but when it comes to the right and wrong among society, those are very clear and are meant to be followed.

Society has its own right and wrong code and it is based on different set of laws that are mandatory to follow with the purpose to have order among all the habitants of the world. If each one of us decided to follow our own personal definition of what is right and wrong it without any other law to leads us, the world would be chaos, these laws are there to be a guide, if not everyone would be anything they wanted since the perspectives of right and wrong are different.

Statement #3

It is better to die for what you believe in rather than to lie to save your life.

This is a very difficult subject, in this situation it is when the difference between right and wrong and the perspective one both of them come into question. Lying is not right under any circumstances at the end the consequences are worst of what it was trying to be avoided in the first place. If something has been done that the punishment is death, the crime must have been very bad in society’s standards, but if it is done knowing the consequences then it most mean a lot to that person to the point when lying about it must feel as they are not being true to themselves.

It also depends who does that person feels the need to lie for. That is when emotions come into place, if that person has a family and doesn’t want them to go through life without them. Maybe that person doesn’t want to take responsibility for their action and rather lie and live on doing what they believe on.

If the person decides to lie the results could be either good or bad. The lie could hunt them forever and build up through the years to the point where it could feel as a weight in their shoulders that they have to keep living with it as it gets heavier and heavier. That lie could also mean that person have saved their life in order to keep doing whatever it is that makes them happy, that persons believes is what keeps them going and why they chose to lie in order to be able to keep believing.

Or maybe the decision that is taken is to admit that they have done something that they understand comes with a punishment and are willing to pay the consequences. Lying is not an option to this person, maybe it would feel as if by lying they are denying everything that has meaning and their beliefs. It would be better to die then to deny their beliefs. If a person is to deny those believes, that is what they are going to be remember of and that person would feel like they never could show any sign of who they really are ever again. Just like the lie would take a toll on that person life and it would become a weight that it would feel impossible to get rid of, by telling the true and sacrificing their life is a way of standing up for its beliefs and to let everyone know who they really are and what they stand for.

Whichever decision is taken as long as that person doesn’t regret it after, and still feels like the experience didn’t took anything away and they are the same person and the decisions taken didn’t change the way that person identity or interested in their believes. The most important thing is to do what feels right.

Statement #4

There is only one correct way to interpret the Bible.

They are many ways the Bible could be interpreted. The Bible has many translations that are used all around the world by people from different religions and cultures. The different translations could not only mean different languages but also in the same language they are multiple versions of the Bible, they all say the same thing but in multiple ways, different words are uses, and even the name of God is mention in multiple other ways.

Even though that the purpose of each of these Bible is the same, to bring human beings closer to God and to have faith in him, each individual uses it for what they may be needing at that moment. The same verse of the Bible could have multiple meanings when read by different people from all across the world in different situations and needs, according to the situation that person is in, he or she would adjust the verse or think of it in a way that it relates to third life and by doing so that verse would be helpful and supportive to that person’s life.

That same verse would mean a totally different thing to someone else. That verse instead of bringing help, since that person is not in need for help but needs to be understanding of others situations, then the verse would make them realize that there is people in the world in need and would make then more aware of others emotions. The Bible is not only read by religious people, they are plenty of people that may not have a religious background but turn to it in moments of need and in seek for hope. Other like historians and scientist uses it have more knowledge about the world and about all the prophesies that the Bible talk about, all the historical reference that the Bible has since the beginning of the world and through the years makes everyone think and wonder about the power one Book has had for centuries of people.

One thing should be clear, not matter where you are from or what language your Bible is in, or what word it uses to call God; we should never judge or criticize anyone for their religion or their beliefs. The Bible should be something that should bring us together instead of drifting us apart. The content of the Bible should not be used against anyone with the purpose of making them feel bad about themselves because they don’t follow or live by God will.

Statement #5

That which doesn’t destroy us only makes us stronger.

We all go through something that while was happening to us we thought we will never get out of it. At the moment what is happening to us it may look so hard to get out of it that is hard to imagine overcoming it and finally being able to look at it as past. Whatever is happening it is different is each of us and we all think that no one is able to understand what is going on and how we feel. The people that surround us may not be able to relate what is going on in our lives but they could be of great help when we are down and they could help us understand even better our situations since they are giving us an outsider perspective.

Someone else’s help could be a great step in order to get better and to not let our problems destroy us. Whichever road we decide to take in order to overcome our problems it doesn’t matter as long as we are able to look back one day as realize how far we have come. If a person is able to get to that point and leave everything in the past, that experience would make them stronger and wiser.

If the experience didn’t destroy you it will indeed make you stronger due to everything that you had to face in order to be able to move past it. Bad times will leave a scar on you but at the same time that scar will be a reminder of what happen but it no longer has an effect in your life, it will make you more secure and less likely of something like that ever happen. After you have overcome something not matter what other challenge you may face ever again, you will be more understanding of how to get past it, you will know that at the end there is a solutions for everything.

There is no way to explain how by something bad happening to us we can actually become stronger. I totally agree that be getting over a hard time in our life we learn to deal with pressure and the unexpected.

This types of experiences in life might seem hard when are happening but they are want makes us grow and become wiser and prepare for what the future has to bring. Other things will happen to us that are going to make the past problems look so small compare to the current ones, each problem is a challenge and an opportunity to make something better learn from our mistakes. If we didn’t have problems and mistakes in life then we would not be able to grow as human beings and be able to experience all these phases in our life time. That is the beauty of being human that very adventure bring its own challenges and we could be sure that there is a lesson to be learn.

Statement #6

It’s more difficult to forgive yourself if the person you have hurt doesn’t forgive you.

Forgiveness is something that every one of us needs in order to be able to feel better about ourselves and to move forward. If we have done something to someone and they don’t forgive us, then we will feel as if we could never move past that and the friendship or any other type of relationship that we have with that person will be affected unless an apology is accepted, an apology makes us feels as is everything is fine and it is left in the past.

When that relationship is on the line you will try everything to save it, you will keep apologizing over and over again and when the apology is not accepted you will feel even worst about what you did to them. Until the apology is accepted that person would find it harder to not only try to forget what it was one but to even forgive themselves.

Even if the person that was hurt it is not upset anymore, the fact that apology was no accepted it would make you think that they are angry at you, and that they would always hold it against you. Not only would you feel like you two could never be the same again, but the effect that it has in your life is just as bad. The guilt would be horrible; you will feel as if it was everything your fault and not matter how much you try to make everything the same it just isn’t. That is how important it is to us to have our apology is accepted.

Apologizing sometimes is very hard to do due to all of those feelings that get in the way like pride, but when we have come forwards and have taken that step to ask for fogginess and to admit our mistake and it’s not accepted, it feels like that other person is not appreciating how hard we are trying to make everything alright and to bring everything back to normal.

If thing keep going the same way even more things get in the way sense the relationship with that person is getting worst and all you want is an apology, it will become harder to forgive what you have done and to come at peace with yourself.

The best thing to do is to try not to think about it too much and try to show that person that even though you have done something bad and they you are aware that it affected them, you are still going to be there for them just like before even if you might never forgive yourself and they may never forgive you.

Statement #7

Courage means doing something even though it can be difficult and fearsome.

I agree that doing something difficult and fearsome does count as an act of courage. To be courageous ones need to put itself in a positions when not matter what it is that we need to do we would do it and will not be scare of the consequences. In order to have and enough amount of courage that will make us stand up for what we believe and claim, we should be able to understand the responsibility that comes with the courage.

If we do something that requires courage, we should be using it wisely and understanding that what we are asking for is worth it and it will not only benefit us. If the task id difficult that should only makes us more exited to find that energy and enthusiasm to do it, after words it will only feel better if we accomplish something hard then something easy, that courage that it was needed to confront and face that challenge make it all even more worth it and more satisfying at the end.

Courage could be used when confronting our fears and enemies. We might be fearful of the situation and of the consequences that our actions could lead but if we confront these fearful situations with courage and with our head held high it would be a big achievement to ourselves. Fears are something that every human being has and that at one point in their life they will come at time when they will need to face it. This courage that is in each one of us will serve us as a weapon to face these fears and maybe even get to a point where this fears won’t be a problem anymore.

There may be times when we have problems with someone or we might need to tell something important to that person but we don’t have enough courage to face them. This is when we really have to be strong and ask ourselves if we have the ability to do something that frighten us and that may be out of our confer zone but we still go for it and face this uncomfortable and unpredictable situations. In these situations we manage to find courage when we thought that we might not be strong enough to face those problems but somehow we find the strength to face them.

Courage is a great quality to have and it may be hard at times to put it into practice but it feels good to uses it for the better of other people . When we use courage to help others, we feel like we are doing something beneficial not only to us but to others. When someone is in trouble and we help them overcome their fears, it feels better than when we help ourselves, somehow when we help others the joy that brings to our heart is bigger. If something is difficult and fearful them we might find the courage to face it because at the ends we will feel proud of ourselves for putting our courage to good use.

Statement #8

A person is innocent until proven guilty.

I agree with this statement, who are we to judge someone beforehand without having any proof of what they are being accused. If someone is being accused of something and they were not catch doing what they are being accused of or in position of something that makes them guilty, then they deserve the benefit of the doubt. There could be multiple reasons why this person is being accuse, there is a small chance that that person is being accused by someone out of rage in order to retaliate towards that person for something had was done to them.

There should be enough prove that that person is guilty and that proves found are not a set up that has been done to incriminate that person. The person accused should have the right to defend its rights lf in front of a judge and to give its side of the story. These are the right that every human deserves. In times when this right where not available many people died and went to prison because they were accused of being guilty of something and the judges just gave their sentence before finding out of they were really guilty or not.

Everyone should have an opportunity to prove their innocence. Laws this day’s support that everyone is innocent until proven otherwise, this is something that we are thankful of and gives us hope that if one day we find ourselves being accused of something that we are innocent of doing we can prove it. These types of law make us have a better understanding of why they are so important and the meaning that they would have in order time periods.

In other time people would be hanging just because of being accuse of doing something, there was no evidence or anything else that could incriminate them, just someone how accused them and just like that anyone else believe them, the ones accused could not defend themselves just because someone else had said they are guilty.

Some of the ones accused had a lot of courage since they stool for themselves and never confessed to been guilty, they fought for their innocence and the truth, not all of this worked and they were given the punishment anyway. Some of this tragedy weren’t for nothing, it made people realize eventually of how unfair was this system and eventually changed it to the way it is today, where you have the right to defend yourself and are given the benefit of the doubt.

Statement #9

Beliefs in oppositions to common values should be illegal.

A person is has the rights to think independently. Everyone should have their rights to think independently and to have their own beliefs. Each one of us has something that we believe in or like, that makes us different and sets us apart from everyone else. If we oppose for this common values that we should all have then we will be just like everyone else, without anything to set us apart from each other. That is the beauty of the human brain, the capability that it has to imagine things that are out of this world which slowly has brought upon the world incredible creations hat have changed the way we interact with each other.

If this beliefs of not thinking outside the box and of not being able to explore and test new boundaries had never changed, then most of the things that we have the pleasure and the amazement to enjoy today would have not being able to happen. It is important for us humans to be able to think feely, that is what makes us develop our own personalities and our own believes towards life. If we would have not had the opportunity to be free minded, the world greatest achievements and inventions would have never happened and the world as we know it today would not exist.

It is also very important that in order to think with freedom and independently we must respect each other ideas and way of living. Judging should be something not allowed between people, if you judge someone that would only make them embarrassed and strange about thinking the way they think. Behavior like that only makes people become followers and do the same think as everyone in order not to be judge.

We should appreciate that we have the chance to have freedom of mind, many people have died and have being punish because they have not had the right to think for their own, and had to follow whatever they were told it was right or should be thinking without ever questioning it or thinking why should have changed in order for the, to have more freedom of speech and more independence without anyone to have to give explanations to.

Statement #10

Justice is best determined by the law.

The law puts and order to justice. If there weren’t the laws that exist today and courtrooms to decide how is guilty or not upon evidence, and the punishment required depending on the crime, people would feel the need to take justice in their own hands and that would not be the best solution to their problems.

It is true that sometimes the families of someone how has been killed expects the person found as a suspect to pay for their actions, but when the judges give the verdict of not guilty, the families feel like the death of someone that they love would go unnoticed. Some family members have felt the need to retaliate and make them pay for their crime. That is not the best way to deal with the situation. That is why laws are needed to give some sort of control to the people, so they don’t feel like they need to make justice for themselves.

Even if we feel like there has been no justice made against a crime, there is no need to take matters into our own hands. We think that we are making justice that way, but we are committing a crime by doing so and now we are the ones that have to pay for our mistakes, not only that but we should think that by doing that not only are we messing up our lives but our love one would not come back either.